

Honolulu, Hawaii

February 27, 2014

RE: H.B. No. 2618
H.D. 2

Honorable Joseph M. Souki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature
Regular Session of 2014
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Finance, to which was referred H.B. No. 2618, H.D. 2, entitled:

"A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ENERGY STORAGE,"

begs leave to report as follows:

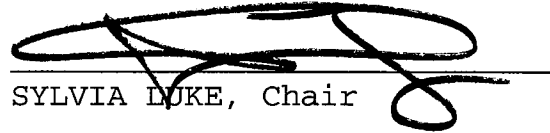
The purpose of this measure is to establish an income tax credit, available as either an investment or utilization credit, for grid-connected energy storage properties with a capacity of at least one megawatt or one megawatt-hour, that are installed and placed in service in the State for taxable years beginning after December 31, 2014, and before January 1, 2026.

The Hawaiian Electric Company, Hawaii Renewable Energy Alliance, Semptra US Gas and Power, Princeton Energy Group, and an individual testified in support of this measure. The Department of Taxation; Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism; Public Utilities Commission; Tax Foundation of Hawaii; Renewable Energy Action Coalition of Hawaii; Blue Planet Foundation; Beacon Power, LLC; and the Ulupono Initiative provided comments.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Finance that is attached to this report, your Committee is in accord with the intent and purpose of H.B. No. 2618, H.D. 2, and recommends that it pass Third Reading.



Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Finance,


SYLVIA DUKE, Chair



HSCR 610-14

Bill/Resolution No.:	Committee Referral:	Date:		
HB 2618, HD2	EFP, CPC, FIN	2/20/2014		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
FIN Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. LUKE, Sylvia (C)	/			
2. NISHIMOTO, Scott Y. (VC)	/			
3. JOHANSON, Aaron Ling (VC)	/			
4. CULLEN, Ty J.K.	/			
5. HASHEM, Mark J.	/			
6. ING, Kaniela	/			
7. JORDAN, Jo	/	/		
8. KOBAYASHI, Bertrand	/			
9. LOWEN, Nicole E.	/			
10. MORIKAWA, Dee	/			
11. ONISHI, Richard H.K.	/			
12. TAKAYAMA, Gregg	/			
13. TOKIOKA, James Kunane	/	/		
14. WOODSON, Justin H.	/			
15. YAMASHITA, Kyle T.	/			
16. FUKUMOTO, Beth	/	/		
17. WARD, Gene	/	/		
TOTAL (17)	14	3		
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: _____				
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